

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application. As indicated above, Claim 1, 4, and 7 have been amended.

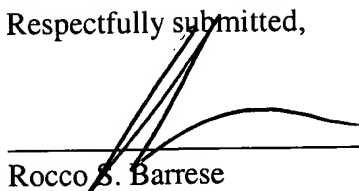
In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 7-16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking patentable utility.

Further to our previously presented arguments from the response filed on June 18, 2004, and as was discussed in a telephone interview on July 15, 2004, between Examiner Matthew C. Dooley and Attorney Douglas M. Owens, it is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has agreed that Claim 4 should not be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking patentable utility. Further, the Examiner asserted that Claims 1 and 7, as amended above to include the phrase *in a mobile communication system*, would overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Additionally, the Examiner requested that the parenthesis around the defined variables in the claims be removed. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended as discussed during the telephone interview. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, it is respectfully requested that the

undersigned attorney be contacted at the earliest convenience to discuss the present application.
Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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